

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at the Town Hall. Council President Louise Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with Council Member John Sullivan, Council Member Jeffrey Swoger, Clerk-Treasurer William Nixon and Attorney Dan Whitten in attendance. Council President Louise Roberts opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Member John Sullivan moved that the minutes for the council meeting be approved as presented. Council Member Jeffrey Swoger seconded, and the minutes passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF: October 31, 2008**

Porter Bank – Checking	\$ 92,077.54
Chase Bank – Savings	140,342.06
Record Balance	\$232419.60

**BREAK DOWN OF FINANCES AMONG FUNDS:**

General Fund	\$114,286.01
MVH Fund	4,663.06
Local Roads & Street	11,439.71
Park Fund	28,411.16
Donations	12,002.73
CCI Fund	159.73
CCD Fund	6,508.36
Local Major Moves	1,408.32
Riverboat Revenue Sharing	1,336.16
Water Sale Fund	44,740.52
Payroll Fund	-36.16
Construction Security Deposit	7,500.00
TOTAL	\$232,419.60

Council Member Jeffrey Swoger moved that the financial report be accepted. Council Member John Sullivan seconded, and the financial report was passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

Council Member John Sullivan moved the claims for November in the amount of \$14,684.69 be approved. Council Member Jeffrey Swoger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

The Department of Local Government Finance sent a letter outlining an online Property Tax Calculator for residential properties for estimating taxes. The Dune Acres' webmaster will be given a copy of the link to post on the town website.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**ROADS: Mark Hull**

Plowing crews did a good job on the 9" snowfall and had the road in good shape by late afternoon. The town still does not have salt but will use a mixture of sand and ice melt. The current cost of salt is \$200 per ton.

**MAINTENANCE: Dick Taylor**

A sensor light has been installed over the main entrance door of the Town Hall to assist those unlocking/locking the door after dark.

**POLICE: Cecilia Call**

Irv Call reported for commissioner Cecilia Call that Cecilia is getting the traditional Thanksgiving turkeys for security personnel.

**ENGINEER: Irv Call**

The clubhouse reticulation has been flushed for the winter. The high pressure pump kicked out but is ok now.

ENVIRONMENT: Cathy Bomberger

Jan Bapst reported for Commissioner Bomberger that the materials for the Dune Acres/Cowles Bog restoration grant are nearly completed and will be given to the Town Council soon. The deadline for submission is December 19. The Council must approve the grant at the December meeting. There is one problem to be resolved and that is the twenty year commitment to maintain the Cowles Bog after restoration without alteration. Jan is working to get that detail rescinded. The Fall Clean Up went well.

BEACH: Rob Carstens

All remaining boats will be off the beach by next week and none are abandoned. The clean up

went well with fifteen volunteers cleaning up 2 miles of beach and the area behind the maintenance building. Rob recommended the town not post beach conditions but concentrate on educating the public ala other beach communities. There were questions about the large raft ownership. Rob assured the town it was privately owned by a group who assumes total responsibility for how it is used. The ice rink will be up soon.

OTHER REPORTS:

Deer Cull – John Sullivan reported for Ray Tittle that the culling season has begun.

Clubhouse – Rick Demkovich reported there is one more party this year and then the clubhouse will be winterized. The clean up held earlier went well and was badly needed after refurbishing the exterior.

OLD BUSINESS

Heenan property – Agreements have been finalized between Jane Heenan and the town to donate lot #5 on Summit Drive to the town as a charitable donation under the Indiana Uniform Conservation Act. “Tom’s Trail” will now be permanently available for town use as a walking trail.

Resolution 2008-8, “A Resolution Accepting The Granting of Real Estate”, was read. Council Member Jeffrey Swoger moved to accept Resolution 2008-8 and Council Member John Sullivan seconded it. The resolution passed unanimously.

Emergency Road Exit – The gate has been installed and locked only to be used in case of an emergency. However, exclusive use by the town is being questioned and investigated.

Water – Mark Hull reported all road repairs have been completed. If there are any water concerns, report them to Ben Bolton.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2008-7 “Holiday Bonus Wage Resolution” was read. It is the tradition holiday bonus resolution for town employees who have been employed the previous 12 months. The amount is 1% with a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$215. Council Member Jeffrey Swoger moved the resolution be approved. Council Member John Sullivan seconded and the resolution passed unanimously.

Security Office Lighting – Council Member Jeffrey Swoger reported that John Grimes and his committee may have some proposals at the December meeting.

John Wilhelm reported that long time Dune Acres friend, Jim Branham, is battling Stage IV esophageal cancer. A benefit dinner is scheduled for November 22 from 6 – 11 p.m. at the Elks Lodge at 157 Jefferson St. in Valparaiso. For further information call the Porter Volunteer Fire Department at 926-1226.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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LOU ROBERTS, Town Council President

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JOHN SULLIVAN, Town Council Member

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JEFFREY SWOGER, Town Council Member

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WILLIAM C NIXON, Clerk-Treasurer

## CLAIMS FOR NOVEMBER 2008

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Atha W. Belsha	Security Pay Period 10/1 - 10/31/08	\$ 1,501.23
David W. Kristophel	Security Pay Period 10/1 - 10/31/08	\$ 693.19
Philip A. Lepley	Security Pay Period 10/1 - 10/31/08	\$ 1,304.04
Terry R. Trout	Security Pay Period 10/1 - 10/31/08	\$ 568.35
Garrett L. Tyrrell	Security Pay Period 10/1 - 10/31/08	gone
Diane Bartley	Security Pay Period 10/1 - 10/31/08	\$ 1,479.10
Sherry A. King	Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pay Period 10/1 - 10/31/08	\$ 974.56
Emily A. Cheek	Security Pay Period 10/1 - 10/31/08	\$ 965.88
Harold E. King	Maintenance/Security Pay Period 10/1 - 10/31/08	\$ 1,014.60
Electronic Federal Tax Payment System	Payroll Liabilities for Pay Period	\$ 2,431.22
Indiana Department of Revenue	Payroll Liabilities for Pay Period	\$ 404.38
Menards - Portage	Dcon for Maintenance Building	\$ 7.98
Verizon North	Town Phones - Gatehouse/Maintenance	\$ 145.10
	Phone/Fax/Internet - Town Hall	\$ 163.67
Nipsco	Electric at Mineral Springs & RT 12	\$ 14.84
	Electric at Clubhouse Dr. & Shore Dr.	\$ 10.23
	Gas/Electric at Town Hall - East Road	\$ 58.37
	Gas at Clubhouse	\$ 38.48
	Gas/Electric at Pump House	\$ 116.17
	Electric at Tennis Court	\$ 5.66
	Electric at 4 Shore Drive	\$ 28.20
	Electric at Security Office	\$ 101.18
Ferrellgas	Fuel for Security Office heating 11/10/2008	\$ 224.97
Nextel Communications	Security Mobile Phones 8/20-10/20/2008	\$ 50.69
The Lawn Care Company	Club House - Winterization-Lawn irrigation system	\$ 60.00
Rebecca Janes	Botanist assisting Sandy O'Brien	\$ 47.50
Chase Card Services	Walmart - Glade Plug-Ins for Town Hall	\$ 11.94
	Essenhaus Inn - ILMCT Fall Mtg. - Overnight	\$ 94.00
	United States Post Office - 2 rolls Stamps	\$ 84.00
	Walmart.com - Vacuum Cleaner for Town Hall	\$ 74.62
	Walmart.com - Removal of Tax	\$ (4.88)
Diane Bartley	Town Hall Cleaning for October - 1 time	\$ 20.00
Able Disposal	Town Hall pick-up	\$ 34.79
	Club House - 15 Yd Open Removal 10/09/08	\$ 283.00
Harold King	Brake Light Bulb for Town Truck	\$ 4.67
Indiana American Water Co.	Water to Security Office - 8/20 - 10/20/2008	\$ 38.44
Scotts LawnService - Merrillville	Fertilized Park Lawn	\$ 254.19
Hopkins Ace Hardware		
Pinkerton Fuel & Lubricants	Fuel for Town Truck, mule & power tools	\$ 169.63
Quill Corporation	Lexmark ink combo & office supplies	\$ 143.50
Kmart	Security Supplies	\$ 74.01
Boyce Forms/Systems	1099 Misc Laser Forms	\$ 17.06
Sue Smith	Herbicide used for November Town Clean-up	\$ 29.99
Menards-Michigan City	Materials for Emergency Road Access Gate	\$ 36.14
A.B.C. Burglar & Fire Alarm Corp.	Town Hall Monthly Monitoring -	\$ 30.00
Bedrock and Boulders	Drain installed Summit Drive	\$ 880.00
TOTAL CLAIMS FOR 2008		\$14,684.69